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Some Short and Necessary Observations, Proper to be Considered, in the Settlement of the African Trade. *κ*

1. **T**H E Votes of the House the 7th of June 1711, viz. That an humble Address be made to Her Majesty, That She will be pleased to take such Measures, as shall appear to Her Majesty to be most proper, for the supporting the Settlements in *Africa*, and preserving the *African*-Trade, till some other Provision be made by Parliament for the same.

And that Her Majesty will take into Consideration the Nature of that Trade, how it may be carried on for the Service of the Kingdom.

2. The Company's Forts and Castles there, and their Property by Charter to the Trade, and to the Lands and Islands in *Africa*.

3. The Necessary Occasions that may frequently happen, of Encreasing the Number of Forts in that Country.

4. The Great Charge of a constant Maintainance of so great a Number of Garri-sons at that Distance, when considered, that the Materials, as well as all Officers, Artificers and Soldiers, must be sent from hence.

5. The making and keeping up Alliances and Confederacies with the Native Kings, and Inland Countries, for keeping open, and bringing a certain Trade to the Castles, essentially Necessary to make the Settlements useful.

6. The keeping up a Regular Trade with the Inland Natives, Pursuant to such Confederacies, that so often, and so long as they bring down Gold or Negroes, they may find at the Castles, all sorts of Goods proper for them to Purchase.

7. The keeping the Prices of all *British* Commodities on a certain Foot, so as the Natives Traders shall not be dissatisfied; and yet to yield a reasonable Profit, answerable to the Charge and Hazard of the Trade.

8. The absolute Necessity of Supporting the *British* Native Allies and Confederates, against the Undermining Political Designs or Oppressions, that shall at any time happen to them from those Natives, the Confederates and Allies of the *Hollanders*, *French*, or other Rivals in the Trade.

9. The constant and great Expence of Hiring, Buying, and Maintaining Linguists, Castle-Slaves for Work, Canoes, Canoe-Men, Coasting-Vessels, Masters, Sailors, and Stores of all Sorts.

10. The *Barbadoes* Petition Relating to the *African* Trade, which is, viz.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent MAJESTY,
The Humble Petition of several Planters, and other the Inhabitants of your Majesty's Island of Barbadoes;

SHEWETH,

TH AT the tender Care and Regard your Majesty hath constantly had of all your Subjects, encourages your Petitioners, who are deeply concern'd in the Trade to *Africa*, the constant supply of Negroes at moderate Prices, being the chief Support of this Colony, whereby we can only be enabled to preserve the Staple of Sugars and other Commodities, and to afford them in greater Quantities, and cheaper than other Nations; most humbly beg leave to lay before your Majesty, That for many Years, while the Royal *African*-Company had the sole Management of that Trade, this Island was duly supply'd with a sufficient Number of Negroes, at moderate Prices, from Ten to Twenty Pounds *per* Head the highest; which was a very great Encouragement, and enabled us greatly to improve the Manufacture of this Island; but for several Years past, since that Trade hath been laid open, the Number of Negroes imported by the Royal *African* Company, and Separate Traders together, hath not been sufficient to supply this Island; and those which have been imported, have been sold at extravagant Prices, from Twenty to Forty Pounds *per* Head, especially those which are tolerably Good; which your Petitioners conceive to have been occasion'd by the different Interests of the said Company and Separate Traders, each bidding on the other;

other; of which the Natives of the said Coast taking Advantage, have raised the Price of their own Commodities, and sunk the Price of those in Great Britain, and this Island, which is an unspeakable Damage and Discouragement to your Petitioners, tends to the Ruin of this Trade, the lessening your Majesty's Revenue, and the Navigation of Great Britain.

Therefore your Petitioners humbly pray, That the British Interest on the Coast of Africa, may be effectually preserved, and the Trade put on such a foot, that a sufficient Number of Negroes may be had on the Coast on moderate Rates, and your Petitioners supply'd on reasonable Terms here.

And your Petitioners (as in Duty bound) shall ever pray.

William Sharpe,
Samuel Cox,
Thomas Alleyne,
Middleton Chamberlen,
Alexander Walker,
Timothy Salter,
Samuel Beresford,
John Frere,
John Whetstone,
John Sandiford,
Samuel Gallop,
John Colleton,
Joseph Todd,
Daniel Hooper,
William Hooper,
Stede Bennett,
R. L. Hooper,
Henry Peers,
Robert Osborne,
Thomas Harper,
Reyn^d: Alleyne,
Benjamin Alleyne,

Joseph Hannis,
Samuel Osborne,
George Walker,
Richard Sandiford,
Robert Hamson,
William Cleeland,
John Trent,
Thomas Waite,
John Sober, Senior,
J. Scott,
Matthew Keynell,
Constant. Kelly,
Other Haggad,
Guy Chapman,
Charles Carmichell,
Thomas Rollstone,
William Carter,
Edward Morgan,
John Clark,
Thomas Beckles,
William Allamby,

Benjamin Bullard,
Thomas Afflick,
Richard Parsons,
Thomas Stokes,
Thomas Prideaux,
Henry Carter,
A. Skene,
Richard Carter,
Benjamin Matson,
Marmaduke Nicolls,
Edward Nicolls,
John Sharp,
Joseph Jourdan,
Joseph Salmon,
John Rous,
William Howard,
John Waterman,
James Cowse,
Elisba Holder,
Thomas Carney,
S. Durousseau,

S. Matson,
Manasses Gilligan,
Edward Jourdan,
Wardall Andrews,
Simon Lambert,
Henry Lintott,
Samuel Brome,
John Dotin,
Raynes Bate,
Robert Vaughan,
Samuel Maverick,
William Dotin,
John Eastmond,
John Hotherfall,
Edward Hooper,
Samuel Collins,
Joseph Pickering,
John Maverick,
James Dotin,
Joseph Brown,
Thomas Stewart.

It is now humbly hop'd, That the Company's Charter will be Establish'd by Parliament, by which they may be encourag'd to raise a sufficient Stock to carry on and improve the Trade in all its Branches, which has languish'd and decay'd for many Years past; occasion'd by the Impositions and Insults of the Natives, supported by the Separate Traders to Africa, to the great Prejudice of this Nation and the Plantations.

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